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EAST ASIA BRIEF 063.

ITEMS MARKED & HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF
 STATE AND DEFENSE.

&1. CAMBODIA: ■SIHANOUK IS TAKING AN INCREASINGLY GLOOMY
 LINE ABOUT HIS FUTURE POLITICAL PROSPECTS.

IN INTERVIEWS WITH FRENCH JOURNALISTS IN PEKING LAST WEEK, THE
 PRINCE IMPLIED THAT HIS RELATIONS WITH THE KHMER COMMUNIST LEADERS--
 WHICH OSTENSIBLY HAD BEEN HARMONIOUS SINCE HIS TRIP TO CAMBODIA LAST
 MARCH--HAVE SOURED AGAIN. SIHANOUK REPEATED THAT HE COULD NOT RE-
 TURN TO CAMBODIA BECAUSE OF HIS DIFFERENCES WITH THE COMMUNISTS,
 WHOM HE CALLED "STALINISTS." HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT WHILE HIS "UNITED
 FRONT" WITH THE COMMUNISTS IS NECESSARY FOR WORLD OPINION, IT DOES
 NOT IN FACT EXIST.

SIHANOUK REPEATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT ALL OF THE CABINET
 POSTS IN HIS PEKING-BASED "GOVERNMENT" WOULD SOON BE TURNED OVER TO
 THE LEADERS OF THE INSURGENCY IN CAMBODIA. HE ASSERTED THAT THE
 INITIATIVE HAD BEEN HIS AND IMPLIED THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT YET
 AGREED. HE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE CABINET PROPOSAL WAS DESIGNED

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TO SMOKE OUT THE INSURGENTS REGARDING HIS OWN FUTURE AS THE OSTENSIBLE HEAD OF THE "GOVERNMENT." ALTHOUGH SIHANOUK DID NOT STATE IT EXPLICITLY, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HIS OFFER TO TURN OVER THE POSTS WAS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE INSURGENTS THAT THEY HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM NEGOTIATIONS.

SIHANOUK'S INABILITY TO MOVE THE COMMUNISTS TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS SEEMS CENTRAL TO HIS PESSIMISM ABOUT HIS OWN FUTURE POLITICAL USEFULNESS. IMPLYING THAT HE WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT A COMPROMISE THAT RETURNED HIM TO POWER IN CAMBODIA, SIHANOUK STATED THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE "HIGHLY UNLIKELY" TO JOIN A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN PHNOM PENH. IN ADDITION, HE INDICATED THAT THE KHMER COMMUNISTS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A MILITARY SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE IN CAMBODIA. SIHANOUK, FOR HIS PART, CLAIMS THAT FOR THEIR OWN REASONS, NEITHER PEKING NOR HANOI IS WILLING TO GIVE THE INSURGENTS THE NECESSARY LOGISTIC SUPPORT, AND HE STATED FLATLY THAT AN ATTACK AGAINST PHNOM PENH WOULD FAIL.

THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AGREES THAT THERE ARE MANY DIVERGENCIES BETWEEN SIHANOUK AND

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THE KHMER INSURGENTS, PARTICULARLY OVER LONG-TERM POLICY GOALS, BUT
 INR FINDS NO EVIDENCE THAT SIHANOUK IS URGING THE INSURGENTS TO
 NEGOTIATE.} {CONFIDENTIAL}

82. //SOUTH VIETNAM: THERE HAS BEEN SOME INCREASE IN COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTION IN WIDELY SCATTERED AREAS, BUT THE MAJOR ATTACKS NORTH OF SAIGON THAT HAD BEEN FORECAST BY COMMUNIST SOURCES HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED. THESE SOURCES CONTINUE TO REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMUNISTS PLAN TO INTENSIFY HARASSING OPERATIONS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, PARTICULARLY IN THE PROVINCES AROUND THE CAPITAL.//

//LOCAL VIET CONG FORCES ARE BEING TOLD THAT THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A NATION-WIDE BUT LIMITED MILITARY "CAMPAIGN," THAT WILL BE ESSENTIALLY RETALIATORY IN NATURE. COMMUNISTS IN LONG AN PROVINCE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THIS LIMITED MILITARY PRESSURE WILL BE DESIGNED TO FORCE SAIGON'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PARIS CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT AND TO COUNTER THE GOVERNMENT'S INCREASING MILITARY BOLDNESS. OTHER MAJOR GOALS ARE TO SECURE RICE AND REBUILD SAGGING VIET CONG MORALE.//

//SAIGON FORCES HAVE CARRIED OUT EXTENSIVE SPOILING ACTIONS

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NORTH OF THE CAPITAL THAT MAY HAVE CAUSED THE COMMUNISTS TO SET
 BACK ANY POSSIBLE TIMETABLE FOR MAJOR ATTACKS IN THAT REGION.//

3. ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: EXCEPT FOR A FEW SCATTERED EXCHANGES
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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 063.

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1. VENEZUELA: LAST WEEK'S INCREASE IN PETROLEUM TAX
 REFERENCE VALUES TO \$7.24 A BARREL IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE A
 REVENUE SURPLUS, THE LIKES OF WHICH THE COUNTRY HAS NEVER BE-
 FORE EXPERIENCED. AS A RESULT, REVENUES FROM OIL ~~THIS~~ ^{NEXT} MONTH
 WILL BE 52 PERCENT HIGHER THAN IN OCTOBER. SINCE JANUARY, THE
 GOVERNMENT'S TAX TAKE PER BARREL HAS INCREASED FROM \$1.64 TO
 \$3.99.

US OIL COMPANIES WERE PROJECTING IN EARLY OCTOBER THAT
 EVEN IF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT BUDGET INCREASED AT 15 PER-
 CENT PER YEAR--TWICE THE AVERAGE OF THE PAST DECADE--IT WOULD
 STILL HAVE A SURPLUS OF \$3 BILLION BY 1975. THE NOVEMBER IN-
 CREASE IN THE TAX REFERENCE VALUES AND EXPECTATIONS THAT THE
 CALDERA GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY DEMAND--AND RECEIVE--AN IN-
 CREASE IN THE ROYALTY PAYMENTS FROM THE OIL COMPANIES COULD
 TOP THAT FIGURE BY SEVERAL BILLION. THE CALDERA GOVERNMENT

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AND ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WILL POINT TO THE COMFORTABLE
 REVENUE POSITION AS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF ITS NATIONALISTIC
 POLICY THAT CONSERVES PETROLEUM RESOURCES AND CHARGES MORE FOR
 WHAT IT PRODUCES. {CONFIDENTIAL}

2. VENEZUELA: THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE WIFE OF FORMER
 DICTATOR MARCOS PEREZ JIMENEZ AS A SURROGATE PRESIDENTIAL
 CANDIDATE FOR HER HUSBAND AS WELL AS THE FAILURE OF CONSERVA-
 TIVE CANDIDATE PEDRO TINOCO TO WIN PEREZ JIMENEZ'S SUPPORT IN
 DECEMBER'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HAS ADDED TO THE CURRENT DIS-
 ARRAY WITHIN THE PEREZJIMENISTA MOVEMENT.

PEREZ JIMENEZ REMAINS SILENT ON HIS PERSONAL CHOICE FOR
 THE PRESIDENCY DESPITE A FLOOD OF POLITICIANS AND OTHER CANDI-
 DATES WHO HAVE COME TO MADRID TO FIND OUT WHO HE WILL SUPPORT.
 HIS FOLLOWERS ARE ALREADY SPLIT BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF TINOCO
 AND THOSE WHO WOULD NEVER ACCEPT HIS CANDIDACY EXCEPT ON THE
 DIRECT ORDERS OF PEREZ JIMENEZ HIMSELF. AS A CONSEQUENCE,
 SOME OF THE POLITICAL GROUPS SUPPORTING THE FORMER DICTATOR
 HAVE BEGUN TO LOOK AROUND FOR POLITICAL ALLIANCES WITH OTHER

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PARTIES. IF HE WAITS MUCH LONGER, HE RUNS THE RISK THAT HIS SUPPORTERS WILL BECOME SO FRAGMENTED THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP THEM IN LINE AND INFLUENCE THEIR VOTES. RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLLS ESTIMATE THAT PEREZ JIMENEZ OR A SURROGATE CANDIDATE COULD WIN AS MUCH AS TEN PERCENT OF THE VOTE, A FIGURE WHICH IF TRANSFERRED IN LARGE PART TO ONE OF THE MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES COULD DECIDE THE ELECTION. {CONFIDENTIAL}

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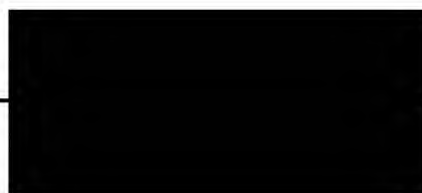
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2. AUSTRIA: ALTHOUGH CHANCELLOR KREISKY REMAINS DETERMINED TO CLOSE THE SCHOENAU TRANSIT CAMP, AUSTRIA WILL NOT DO SO UNTIL AN ALTERNATE FACILITY CAN BE FOUND. AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR A NEW CAMP, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANYTHING THAT MEETS THE SECURITY AND SANITARY REQUIREMENTS. AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS ARE DETERMINED THAT ANY NEW FACILITY NOT BECOME THE "TOURIST ATTRACTION" THAT THE SCHOENAU CAMP WAS.

IN THE MEANTIME, AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THE NUMBER OF SOVIET JEWS TRANSMITTING AUSTRIA HAS INCREASED IN RECENT WEEKS FOR REASONS THAT ARE NOT CLEAR TO THEM. ISRAELI OFFICIALS REPORT THAT 797 JEWS TRANSITTED AUSTRIA DURING 14-20 OCTOBER, AND 940 DURING 21-27 OCTOBER. {CONFIDENTIAL}

3. //CANADA: PREMIER BOURASSA'S LIBERAL PARTY HAS WON A LANDSLIDE VICTORY IN THE QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS. ON THE BASIS OF ALMOST COMPLETE RETURNS, THE LIBERALS HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST 91 OF THE 110 LEGISLATIVE SEATS, WHILE THE SEPARATIST PARTI QUEBECOIS WON ONLY FOUR SEATS. ALTHOUGH THE PARTI QUEBECOIS APPARENTLY

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 PARTY'S POOR SHOWING MAKES IT A HOLLOW VICTORY. {CONFIDENTIAL}// 25X1D

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 PERCENT TURNOUT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
 ELECTION LAST SUNDAY AS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FACE OF THE
 WITHDRAWAL OF ALL OPPOSITION CANDIDATES. THIS PROVISIONAL FIGURE
 IS 9 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE 1969 ELECTION WHEN TWO OPPOSITION
 GROUPS PARTICIPATED. OPPOSITION GROUPS WITHDREW IN THIS ELECTION
 TO PROTEST OFFICIAL RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGNING, ESPECIALLY THE
 BAN ON CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT'S AFRICAN POLICY. {CONFIDENTIAL}

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MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 063.

ITEMS MARKED & HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE.

1. ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: EXCEPT FOR A FEW SCATTERED EXCHANGES NEAR SUEZ CITY, WHICH IS STILL IN EGYPTIAN HANDS, BOTH THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS WERE RELATIVELY CALM AGAIN ON 29 OCTOBER.

THE ISRAELIS CLAIM TO HAVE SHOT DOWN TWO EGYPTIAN HELICOPTERS OVER THE GULF OF SUEZ AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO REACH THE THIRD ARMY AT DAWN; A THIRD HELICOPTER APPARENTLY MADE IT THROUGH. A UN CONVOY OF 24 TRUCKS PASSED THROUGH ISRAELI LINES AND REACHED BESIEGED EGYPTIAN UNITS IN SUEZ CITY AT ABOUT MID-DAY.

RADIO JERUSALEM ANNOUNCED THAT ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICERS WOULD MEET ON 30 OCTOBER MAINLY TO DISCUSS AN EXCHANGE OF POWS. THE PUBLIC MOOD IN ISRAEL REPORTEDLY HAS BEGUN TO HARDEN ON THE POW ISSUE. //THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN STUNG BY OPPOSITION CRITICS IN THE KNESSET WHO HAVE ACCUSED IT OF GIVING IN TO US PRESSURE TO PERMIT RELIEF OF THE EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY WHILE OBTAINING NOTHING IN RETURN.//

SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD TOLD HIS NATION ON 29 OCTOBER THAT THE

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CEASE-FIRE HAD TAKEN HIM BY SURPRISE, BUT THAT HE HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT IT AFTER THE SOVIETS AND PRESIDENT SADAT GAVE HIM GUARANTEES THAT ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY. ASAD ACCLAIMED THE CEASE-FIRE AS A VICTORY FOR THE ARAB SIDE, BUT THREATENED TO RENEW THE FIGHTING IF SYRIA DID NOT OBTAIN ITS OBJECTIVES BY NEGOTIATIONS. THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT MADE SEVERAL OBLIQUE REFERENCES TO INTERNAL OPPOSITION, WARNING THAT A SPLIT IN SYRIA'S RANKS WOULD ENDANGER THE COUNTRY'S DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY GAINS.

AT THE UN, SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IS RUNNING INTO DIFFICULTIES ASSEMBLING A 7,000-MAN INTERNATIONAL FORCE. THE 585 PEACE-KEEPING TROOPS NOW IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM THE UN FORCE ON CYPRUS AND ARE BEING PAID OUT OF THE CYPRUS PEACE-KEEPING FUND. NUMEROUS STATES HAVE OFFERED TROOPS, BUT MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN REJECTED EITHER BECAUSE THEY BELONG TO THE WARSAW PACT OR NATO, OR BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. WALDHEIM, THEREFORE, WILL HAVE TO ORGANIZE A FORCE MADE UP OF A PATCHQUILT OF SMALL STATES. ONE IMPORTANT OBSTACLE TO FUNDING THE FORCE WAS OVERCOME ON 29 OCTOBER WHEN THE SOVIET UNION AGREED TO HELP

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PAY FOR THE OPERATION AS LONG AS IT IS KEPT UNDER TIGHT SECURITY
COUNCIL CONTROL. {SECRET}

&2. CYPRUS: THE CHIEF UN REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS //TOLD THE
US EMBASSY HE // HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM BOTH TURKISH CYPRIOT
AND GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS THAT THEY WILL "FREEZE" THE SITUATION AND
MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES AS A RESULT OF THE DRAWDOWN
OF UN FORCES FOR THE PEACEKEEPING ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

ABOUT 600 AUSTRIAN, FINNISH, AND SWEDISH TROOPS FROM THE
3,000-MAN UN FORCE IN CYPRUS HAVE ALREADY LEFT FOR THE MIDDLE EAST
WAR ZONE; IRELAND HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO TRANSFER ITS 142 MEN.
THE UN FORCE ON CYPRUS WOULD THEN CONTAIN ONLY TROOPS FROM NATO
COUNTRIES, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE UNACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT
MAKARIOS. THE UN REPORTEDLY WILL DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM BY RETURNING
THE NEUTRAL EUROPEAN CONTINGENTS TO CYPRUS AS SOON AS PERSONNEL ARE
AVAILABLE TO REPLACE THEM IN THE CRISIS AREA. THE UN APPARENTLY
ENVISAGES USING MEMBERS OF THE CYPRUS FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR A
LIMITED PERIOD OF PERHAPS ONE MONTH.

//THE US EMBASSY AGREES WITH THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY REPRESENTA-

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TIVES OF BOTH THE TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES THAT THE
SITUATION ON CYPRUS SHOULD REMAIN QUIET. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT
NEITHER SIDE IS LIKELY TO DISTURB THE PRESENT DELICATE EQUILIBRIUM.//

GENERAL GRIVAS AND HIS SUPPORTERS STILL RETAIN CONSIDERABLE
TROUBLE-MAKING POTENTIAL, BUT RECENT POLICE SUCCESSES AGAINST THEM
HAVE DIMINISHED THE THREAT THEY POSE TO PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. {SECRET}

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